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The American Numismatic Society
156 th St. & Broadway N. Y.

Dear Sirs,

The U.S. Mint of Phila., has suggested your name to me in reference to information concerning coins of the ancients. (Greek, Roman, English)

I had the pleasure of reading a bound pamphlet on the twelve Cæsars published in eighteen sixty-eight by your society. I wondered if you still published such information and if not, where I may obtain it at a reasonable cost. So many of the books on coins seem to carry such a prohibitive price with them if at all obtainable.

I am interested in coins particularly for their connection with art and history. Anything concerning any period that you could give me would be most

heartily appreciated.

Also, may I ask who the dealers are in New York or London who would be likely to carry some of these coins.

I thank you for your courtesy and enclose postage for return!

Respectfully

Howard A. Davidson
134 W. Gorgas Lane
Mt. Airy, Phila.,
Penna.

15th March, 1929

Mr. Howard A. Davidson,
134 West Gorgas Lane,
Mt. Airy, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Responding to yours of March 13th, I take pleasure in enclosing a list of coin dealers in this country. Of these, Mr. Henry Chapman of your City, and Mr. Wayte Raymond, of New York, are perhaps best equipped for ancient coins, although the St. Louis Coin and Stamp Company, may have some Roman material. I am also enclosing a list of our Monographs. As you say, numismatic books are expensive. This is largely due to the cost of reproducing coins, coupled with the limited circulation of the publications. Even if you do not read German, I am venturing to suggest that you look up in the Philadelphia Library Regling's Die Münze alsoKunstwirk. This illustrates a large number of very beautiful Greek coins. You probably know that there is a small collection of these coins in the Philadelphia University Museum. Should you come to New York, I trust you will give us the pleasure of welcoming you at our Museum, although I must warn you that this probably will be closed for alterations early in April.

Of London d ealers, I can refer you to Messrs. A.H.Baldwin & Son, 4a Duncannon Street, London, and Messrs. Spink & Son,5-6-7 King St., St. James's, London.

Under separate cover, I am sending you as a sample a copy of The Numismatist. This periodical, however, does not pay much attention to ancient numismatics.

If you would care to consider becoming a Associate member of our Society, the dues are but $5.00 annually, and you would receive our Numismatic Notes and Monographs as a partial return: these usually total more than that sum in value.

If this does notgive you the information you desire, I hope you will feel free to call upon me further.

Very truly yours,

American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St. N.Y.
Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Sec,

Dear Sir,

As I am expecting to be in New York City next Wednesday I am looking forward to a visit at your society's museum. But as I would like to see a medal dealer before reading your headquarters, of whom I have the scantiest description, I am taking the liberty to ask the favor from you for his address if it is possible from the following:

Some months ago appeared in our leading newspaper "The Bulletin," under the "Believe it or not" column of Mr. Ripley, a notation of this dealer as one who makes a specialty of medals from all parts of the world. From a previous article also in the newspapers I have an impression that this man is located in the lower part of N. Y. C. and his store is of the quaint old fashioned curio variety. There must be something unusual about this place else why Mr. Ripley's special notice? This is all of a description I can give and I realize it is vague but I thought it possibly enough to one in this city and in touch with dealers.

Allow me to forward my appreciation of a previous favor from you a couple of years ago as well as in this instance. I am a subscriber to the "Numismatist" and when the subscription expires am contemplating making application for admission to your society which you so kindly invited me to do in your previous communication. Would this be possible through you?

Kindly accept my thanks

Sincerely yours
Howard A. Davidson
134 W. Gorgas Lane
Mt. Airy, Phila. Pa.

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July 2, 1931.

Mr. H. A. Davidson
134 W. Gorgas Lane
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your recent letter, I regret that I am unable to give you the name of the medal dealer to whom you refer, but, since it might apply to half a dozen of the curio shops below 14th Street, this is not surprising. I note that you are planning to be in New York on Wednesday next (July 8th?). We shall be verg glad to welcome you at our Museum and to be of service if possible.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary